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Teacher of the Year to be Announced This Sunday

ANCHORAGE – Alaska Education Commissioner Mike Hanley will announce the 2015 Alaska Teacher of the Year and the alternate on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 12:15 p.m. at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. The presentation is during a luncheon of the Association of Alaska School Boards.

A news release with background information on the teacher of the year and the alternate will be emailed to the media at noon Sunday.

The Alaska Teacher of the Year may be called upon to speak at education conferences and participate in various statewide education working groups. The teacher is the Alaska nominee for national teacher of the year. The alternate teacher of the year would serve as Alaska teacher of the year if the latter were named national teacher of the year.

Additionally, the Alaska Teacher of the Year receives technology for his or her school, awards a college scholarship to a student, receives a scholarship to pursue an advanced degree, and attends an international space camp.

The Alaska Teacher of the Year and the alternate were chosen by a committee composed of members of major educational associations and the current Teacher of the Year, who is Denise Lisac of Dillingham. The committee considered a written application, a video snapshot of the teacher in the classroom, and an interview.

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